



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of March 4, 2025.

February 2025

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

		February 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted		3,585	-10.4%	7.1%
Approved		2,630	-3.5%	2.3%
Rejected		1,302	0.2%	-0.3%
Pending	15 Days or Less	959		
	More Than 15 Days	158		
Total Pending		1,117		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	17,216	17,221	16,850	0.0%	2.2%
	Protective Services	4,000	3,935	3,963	1.7%	0.9%
Total		21,212	21,152	20,809	0.3%	1.9%
Approved Children	Income	25,795	26,788	26,747	-3.7%	-3.6%
	Protective Services	6,539	6,760	6,849	-3.3%	-4.5%
Total		32,276	33,483	33,546	-3.6%	-3.8%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

		February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Children Served	Income	18,491	17,604	16,500	5.0%	12.1%
	Protective Services	4,473	4,426	4,211	1.1%	6.2%
Total		22,951	22,020	20,702	4.2%	10.9%
Payments		\$20,767,428	\$19,710,593	\$18,285,827	5.4%	13.6%
Average Payment Per Child		\$905	\$895	\$883	1.1%	2.4%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024
Approved Households	373	309	274	111	78	73	35	24	21
Children Served	623	552	519	170	133	138	49	39	41
Payments	\$472,582.12	\$402,097.47	\$364,106.63	\$126,570.06	\$108,438.18	\$101,411.38	\$38,166.34	\$29,653.07	\$33,342.69
Average Payment per Household	\$310	\$300	\$298	\$314	\$317	\$313	\$363	\$344	\$347
Average Payment per Child	\$318	\$321	\$321	\$342	\$332	\$586	\$370	\$389	\$386

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

Children Served February 2025		Payments February 2025
Under Age 1	1,011	\$1,543,297
AGE 1	2,628	\$4,387,053
AGE 2	3,439	\$3,726,099
AGE 3	3,849	\$3,298,513
AGE 4	3,478	\$2,929,062
AGE 5	2,564	\$1,820,809
AGE 6	1,417	\$727,203
AGE 7	1,220	\$631,931
AGE 8	993	\$507,381
AGE 9	807	\$408,358
AGE 10	639	\$311,682
AGE 11	468	\$247,938
AGE 12	301	\$150,461
AGE 13	108	\$58,700
Age 14 and Over	30	\$19,567
Total	22,951	\$20,768,051

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

Applications Received		Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Days
Cape Girardeau	263	162	118	24.6%	280	78	9	10.3%
Columbia	155	104	65	22.9%	169	37	9	19.6%
Jefferson City	177	115	95	27.3%	210	47	5	9.6%
Macon	78	53	49	29.9%	102	16	2	11.1%
Not Selected	1,219	1,064	226	10.9%	1,290	326	60	15.5%
Raytown	530	377	250	24.2%	627	144	23	13.8%
Springfield	279	190	131	24.8%	321	71	9	11.3%
St. Louis	884	565	368	23.2%	933	240	41	14.6%
Total	3,585	2,630	1,302	20.0%	3,932	959	158	14.1%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

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Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	149	1,365	22	7	302	101	660	20	8	2,461
Columbia	94	699	26	7	182	77	287	8	14	1,275
Jefferson City	82	801	14	5	218	87	426	9	13	1,553
Macon	37	344	5	2	75	23	200	2	3	655
Not Selected	305	2,427	63	6	610	152	662	30	74	3,576
Raytown	421	2,424	153	12	893	259	777	30	106	4,603
Springfield	168	1,297	36	3	347	110	681	21	17	2,504
St. Louis	775	4,759	279	39	1,383	558	986	71	147	8,147
Total	1,724	11,676	557	75	3,393	1,216	4,027	161	307	21,212

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024
Education	1,724	1,688	1,626	2,756	2,832	2,757
Employment	11,676	11,620	11,490	19,781	20,541	20,610
Homeless	557	528	461	732	705	637
Incapacitated Parent	75	74	69	114	114	101
Job Search	3,393	3,392	3,133	2,543	2,708	2,535
Not Available	1,216	1,237	1,234	2,393	2,471	2,482
Protective Services	4,027	3,958	3,991	6,583	6,807	6,899
Special Need	161	152	141	217	230	213
Training	307	300	297	468	488	494
Total	21,212	21,152	20,809	32,276	33,483	33,546

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024
African American (Black)	15,277	15,829	15,728
American/Alaskan Native	284	286	278
Asian	94	94	94
Caucasian (White)	12,138	12,601	12,514
Multi-Racial	3,345	3,406	3,247
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	56	62	60
Other	525	617	854
Prefer not to answer	596	614	607
Unknown	4	23	242
Total	32,276	33,483	33,546

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024
Hispanic	5.8%	5.8%	5.7%
Non-Hispanic	90.6%	90.5%	89.3%
Prefer not to answer	3.6%	3.8%	5.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



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SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

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*excludes Protective Services households

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,348
1	398	1.9%	\$44
2	5,946	28.0%	\$896
3	6,602	31.1%	\$1,126
4	4,865	22.9%	\$1,285
5	2,608	12.3%	\$1,386
6	1,231	5.8%	\$1,326
7 or More	931	4.4%	\$1,261
Total	21,212	100.0%	\$1,001

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

		February 2025			January 2025			December 2024		
Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child
Exempt	Exempt Program	576	\$309,589.25	\$537	474	\$247,522.09	\$522	398	\$260,916.22	\$656
	Six or Fewer	964	\$521,756.85	\$541	926	\$502,140.29	\$542	881	\$485,908.25	\$552
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,621	\$1,181,096.54	\$729	1,591	\$1,140,652.43	\$717	1,340	\$882,913.98	\$659
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	18,626	\$17,956,350.86	\$964	17,856	\$17,009,719.29	\$953	16,974	\$15,897,109.40	\$937
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	775	\$561,744.43	\$725	778	\$572,682.02	\$736	749	\$530,609.23	\$708
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	451	\$231,001.68	\$512	453	\$235,540.76	\$520	405	\$220,167.69	\$544
Total		22,951	\$20,761,539.61	\$905	22,020	\$19,708,256.88	\$895	20,701	\$18,277,624.77	\$883

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

			February 2025	January 2025	December 2024
Paid Providers			1,670	1,694	1,632
Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	185	184	184
		Six or Fewer	650	645	642
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,304	1,298	1,291
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	232	231	229
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	63	61	60
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	117	117	114
	Total			2,551	2,536

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	February 2025	January 2025	December 2024	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	1,881	1,634	1,328	15.1%	41.6%
Low Income Housing	1,876	1,696	1,461	10.6%	28.4%
Medicaid	13,106	11,592	9,981	13.1%	31.3%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	13,607	12,053	10,398	12.9%	30.9%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	598	528	476	13.3%	25.6%
Total	16,159	14,340	12,426	12.7%	30.0%